Railway bridges on National Highways in Punjab

2384. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossings in Punjab on National Highways;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to build under/ over bridges on these highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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(b) and (c) Railway is constantly pursuing the State Government anti National Highways Authorities (NHAI) to sponsor proposals for construction of road over/under bridges (ROB/RUBs) in lieu of busy level crossings (LC) by conducting regular meetings with them. Chief Secretary, Punjab Government has also been approached on the Issue. NHAI has sponsored a few proposals *viz:*

i. Construction/Widening of four ROBs/RUBs on Jalandhar-Pathankot section

ii. Four on Jalandhar-Amritsar section

iii. Construction of four ROBs on Amritsar-Pathankot section

iv. Construction of one ROB on Batala-Quadian section.

V. Work of ROB at Kurali on NH-21 is going on. Railway portion is likely to be completed by Dec, 2006.

vi ROBs on Rajpura bye pass on LC No. A-4/2 NH-64 on Patiala Dhuri Section and on NH-1A at LC No. 78 Amritsar-Pathankot Section are also under consideration.

New train between Muzaffarnagar and Delhi

†2385. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to start a new train between Muzaffarnagar and Delhi;

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